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SUBJECT: REPORT OF POSSIBLE CABINET CHANGE

1. OFTEN WELL INFORMED USINT SOURCE HAS INFORMED US THAT, ACCORDING TO CLOSE FRIENDS IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, CABINET RESHUFFLE WILL OCCUR SHORTLY WHICH WILL SEE HEGAZY REASSUME POSITION AS MINISTER OF FINANCE WHILE RETAINING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER RANK, AND ABDUL MUNIM QAISUNI ASSUMING PORTFOLIO OF MINISTER OF ECONOMY. SOURCE HAS ALSO NOTED SPECULATION THAT CABINET SHUFFLE WILL SEE SAYYID MARI NAMED AS PRIME MINISTER.

2. COMMENT: THERE WAS MUCH SPECULATION ABOUT MARI ASSUMING PRIME MINISTERSHIP AS LONG AGO AS END OF AUGUST. ONE REPORT THAT HE MAY DO SO NOW IS NO MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN EARLIER STORIES TO THIS EFFECT. SOURCE'S CONTACTS IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMY ARE VERY GOOD, HOWEVER, AND REPORT OF CHANGE INVOLVING BOTH HEGAZI AND QAISUNI HAS MORE SUBSTANCE. NO INDICATION HAS APPEARED IN CAIRO PRESS OF ANY IMPENDING CABINET CHANGE.

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